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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 3, 2009

WEST FORK ROADHOUSE
3850 BELMONT AVE
YOUNGSTOWN, OH
just south of I 80

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

WEB SITES

MVR- www.mvrscca.org
SCCA - www.scca.com
NELSON'S - www.nelsonledges.com
KRYDERACING - www.kryderacing.com
FUELPORTS - www.fuelports.com
NESCCA - www.nescca.com

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It's awfully cold outside. As I sit here and write this the thermometer is dipping into the single digits. The weatherman is talking about minus numbers tonight. Hopefully everyone's toys are nice and warm inside their winter garaging. Our 2009 race chairpersons and several other members are hard at work preparing for the warmer climates when the race cars can come out and play. Reports can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. And for the latest updates make sure you attend the February membership meeting.

Additional volunteers will also be needed for our upcoming events. Greg Alley is Chairman for the April 17th PDX at Nelson Ledges. This is a new endeavor for our Region and we welcome the assistance of Bill Stewart from the Misery Bay Region. But Greg and Bill will need help in several areas, including driver instructors. Driving Instructors will also be needed for the Double Driver's School scheduled for April 18-19. Contact chief instructor Bill Kasmer to help.

During this February meeting I wish to start a review of the Mahoning Valley Region Constitution. I don't believe any major changes are necessary, but there are a couple of areas we should consider rewording. A copy of the current Constitution is also included in this newsletter. Changing the Constitution is spelled out in Article VI.1.

An example of the types of changes to be considered is:

Part of Article VI.3. States : "Alternate (meeting) dates must be approved and announced at the previous membership meeting". This sounds like a good idea but has not always been practical. Any ideas on rewording or adding a sentence for last minute changes? I would imagine the big concern is making sure the membership is informed so they can participate in business items being conducted at the meeting.

There was also a question raised concerning the use of the word "mailed" in the Constitution. Several Board members felt the wording was sufficient to cover both email as well as the old fashioned way of mailing through the postal service as long as all members were sent a mailing. We have minimized use of the postal service simply because of costs.

Is your SCCA renewal date upcoming? Have you received the renewal paperwork? Several of us have not received ours during the time-frame we have become accustomed to. It seems the SCCA office has changed their time-frame for sending renewals. What this means to you is you need to react quicker than in the past when you receive your notice. Don't let it set for a month or two.

Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We have approx. 200 including dual memberships.

Welcome new member Mirl Swan.

The following members have January renewals:

Cindi Beck
Steve Dominish
Ted Gaydosh Jr
Alan Johnston
Reed & Sandi Kryder
Matt Miller
The Scott Nutter Family
Ronald Yarab Jr.

Happy Birthday to:

Greg Alley	2/18
David Badger	2/18
Constantin Gheorghe	2/14
Dave Klein	2/18
Matt Miller	2/16
Bill Pintaric Jr	2/4
Bob Ruman	2/27
Mirl Swan	2/17
Brent Walton	2/27

The following still need to renew their memberships:

Matias Bonnier
Matt Carson
Doug Gabbard
Charles Genaro
David McKenney

Double Driver School

Plans are coming along for our double driver school. With any luck entry info will be on the MVR website by the middle of February. Instructors and workers are needed. If you want to instruct and haven't been contacted, please e-mail Bill Kasmer at kkd@zoominternet.net.

National

Plans are underway on the National too. The name of the event will be 57th Cumberland Classic National Sportscar Races presented by Mahoning Valley in cooperation with the Steel Cities Region.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
MAHOINING VALLEY REGION
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA, INC

PREAMBLE:

Whereas it is desirable for men and women interested in sports cars to meet in fellowship to promote their mutual interest, it is held rightful and desirable that the organization be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio and the following:

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name this organization shall be "The Mahoning Valley Region of the Sports Car Club of America". (Hereafter Mahoning Valley Region shall be known as MVR and Sports Car Club of America, Inc. shall be known as SCCA.)

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

A. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership shall be open to automobile and motor-sports enthusiasts and others interested in furthering the purpose of MVR.

B. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Active members shall be those members whose current national and regional dues are paid. The designation of active member shall apply to the following subclassifications:

Regular, Spouse, Junior, Family and Dual
2. Honorary members shall be those persons upon whom have been conferred honorary membership in recognition for an outstanding service on behalf of MVR. Honorary members are entitled to all privileges of active members except holding office, voting upon any questions or motion, or being called upon for dues.

ARTICLE III. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedure. A motion to change the order of business or eliminate any business shall require a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS: THEIR DUTIES AND POWERS

All officers shall be 18 years of age or older and an active member of MVR when they assume office.

A. ELECTIVE OFFICERS

1. Regional executive who shall preside at all meetings of MVR; enforce a due observance of the constitution, by laws and rules of order; decide all questions of order; offer for consideration any motions regularly made; and perform such duties as his or her office shall require.

The regional executive shall make no motion or amendment or vote on any question unless a deciding vote be needed; then he or she shall cast his or her vote.

2. Assistant Regional Executive who shall act in the capacity of the regional executive in the absence of the regional executive.
3. Secretary who shall keep minutes of all executive board meetings and membership meetings, and who shall have the responsibility of handling official correspondence of the region.
4. Treasurer who shall receive all MVR income and pay all authorized bills within a reasonable length of time; who shall prepare a treasurer's report to present at the membership meeting each month and/or publish it in the regional publication; and who shall annually file appropriate income tax forms in a timely manner. Treasurer shall prepare the books for audit by the trustees at the first meeting in November, as well as when requested by a majority of the trustees.

5. Trustee

- A. Four Trustees shall serve two-year terms, electing two at each annual election.
- B. One Trustee shall be elected annually to serve a 12-month term.
- C. The immediate past Regional Executive shall serve one 12-month term as a trustee.
- D. No two-year Trustee may succeed himself/herself unless no one else is nominated at the October membership meeting.
- E. Trustees shall serve as members of the executive board.
- F. The trustees shall conduct an audit of the region's financial books at the first board meeting in November, or more often at their discretion, or upon receipt of a petition requesting an audit signed by 15% of the current active membership.
- G. The meeting after elections, the trustees shall elect a chairperson for themselves for the coming year.
- H. Chairperson of the trustees shall be responsible for conducting elections.

B. APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

- 1. The Regional Executive may appoint members to such post as will best serve the interest of MVR and its membership.
- 2. All committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the regional executive.

C. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

- 1. Officers may be removed for failure to perform duties as prescribed, and for actions deemed to be contrary to the welfare of MVR.

2. Removal Procedure

- A. A motion for removal proceedings shall be made from the floor, announcing the reasons for the motion.
- B. Upon a majority vote in favor of the motion at a regularly scheduled and/or announced membership meeting, announcement of same shall be published in the club newsletter or announcements of same shall be mailed to all active members of the club.
- C. The removal of the officer must then be confirmed by a second vote at the next regularly scheduled and/or announced membership meeting, with said officer stepping down immediately upon passage by a confirming majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE V. BUSINESS TRANSACTION BY MVR

The number of members at a regularly scheduled and/or announced meeting of MVR shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All activities shall be run in accordance with the National SCCA regulations.

ARTICLE VI. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

Any proposed alterations, amendment or addition to this constitution must be handed to the Regional Executive in writing at a regularly scheduled and/or announced membership meeting. The regional executive shall then read the proposed change to the membership. The proposal shall be voted upon at the next membership meeting and shall require two-thirds (2/3) vote to be adopted. A copy of the proposed alteration, amendment, or addition shall be published in the regional publication and/or copies of same mailed to all active members at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting of its vote.

BYLAWS

1. Any proposed alterations, amendment or addition to these by-laws must be delivered to the Regional Executive in writing at a regularly scheduled and/or announced membership meeting. The regional executive shall then read the proposed change to the membership. The proposal shall be voted upon at the next membership meeting and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote to be adopted. A copy of the proposed alteration, amendment, or addition shall be published in the regional publication and/or copies of same mailed to all active members at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting of its vote.
2. Dues shall be paid regularly by the members in accordance with requirements of SCCA.
 - A. Dues structure is to follow national policy
 - B. Official regional membership dues shall be set and published at least once a year in regional publication or copies of same mailed to all members.
3. Meetings: A regular membership meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday of every month. Alternate dates must be approved and announced at the previous membership meeting and published in the regional publication or copies of same mailed to all members.
4. Election of Officers:
 - A. Officers shall be regularly elected at the membership meeting in October.
 - B. Election shall be by secret ballot.
 - C. Candidates may be nominated from the floor.
 - D. The regular term of office shall be from Nov. 1 to Oct. 31.
 - E. Proxy votes will be accepted in MVR elections.
 - F. Absentee ballots shall be submitted during the month before elections to the trustees.
 - G. No member may hold two elective offices concurrently.
 - H. A vacated elected position shall be filled by special election at the next regularly scheduled and/or announced membership meeting following the vacancy.
5. The executive board of MVR shall consist of elected officers and trustees and shall be charged with routine normal regional business between regular business meetings. All meetings of the executive board shall be open to any member of MVR.
6. Budgets of all events shall be prepared and presented to the executive board prior to the transaction of any business pertaining to the event. All events to be sanctioned or co-sanctioned, sponsored, or co-sponsored, shall be approved by a majority vote at the regularly scheduled board meeting or regularly scheduled and/or announced membership meeting.
7. The regional executive and/or his or her designee should attend the national convention, the mini-convention and the roundtable with the region paying for a portion of incurred expenses subject to prior approval by the executive board.

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SCCA Hires Ehret for Finance VP

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TOPEKA, Kan. (Jan. 15, 2009) – Sports Car Club of America, Inc. is happy to announce Richard (Rick) Ehret as the organization's new Vice President of Finance and Administration.

Ehret comes to SCCA after nine years with QuVIS, Inc., a technology corporation based in Topeka. As controller, Ehret was responsible for all of QuVIS's accounting policies and practices. Prior to working for QuVIS, Ehret enjoyed a career in military aviation, serving as a helicopter pilot and aviation maintenance officer in both the U. S. Coast Guard and U. S. Marine Corps. While with the U.S. Coast Guard, Ehret led a team of programmers and analysts charged with maintaining a payroll system for 40,000 individuals.

Ehret replaces former finance VP Jeff Dahnert, who was named the club's new president and CEO in December.

"Rick's credentials are impeccable," Dahnert said. "I'm well aware of the fiscal challenges this club faces, especially in the current economy, but I'm confident that

he has the experience and insight to ensure we remain financially sound.”

In addition to creating and overseeing financial strategies for SCCA, Ehret will also serve a similar role with subsidiary SCCA Pro Racing.

“It’s a real pleasure to be on board,” Ehret said. “This is a rather unique company. Jeff’s guidance will be helpful as I settle in, but I’m excited to bring a fresh perspective to the club. This is an excellent opportunity for me and I’m looking forward to learning more about SCCA.”

A Topeka resident, Ehret earned an undergraduate degree and M.B.A. from the University of South Dakota and is a member of the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants.



Annual Waiver Hard Card

Introduction

SCCA requires that a release and waiver form be signed by all persons entering event premises that are not open to the general public. To improve the registration process and reduce paper work at a Region level, the SCCA has now adopted an Annual Waiver Program as described in the following sections. This is an OPTIONAL program for participants. The annual waiver program itself will be valid at ALL SCCA events. All other waiver procedures and requirements, as stated in the current Risk Management Release and Waiver Guidelines, remain in effect except if superseded by these procedures.

In addition, any region that has already established an annual waiver program, we ask that they adopt this program so that we have consistency in forms and recordkeeping. All original SCCA Annual Waiver forms will be kept on file with Member Services at the SCCA office in Topeka, KS.

Annual Waiver Form and Application

Beginning with January 2009 renewals members will have the opportunity to participate in an SCCA Annual Waiver program. Members holding a competition license or those that have worked at least two

days in the previous year will, upon completion of the Annual Waiver Form, receive their Hard Card free of charge. Similar to the current Hard Card issuance, all other members will pay \$10 and complete the Annual Waiver Form. Members can report their days worked via their log-in on scca.com.

To participate, members need to complete **both sides** of the Annual Waiver. The Annual Waiver must be witnessed by either a licensed registrar or notarized. Submit the signed and witnessed Annual Waiver to SCCA and the member will be issued a Photo ID Hard

Card. An Annual Waiver will expire on the member’s renewal date. Annual Waiver Forms will be included in each member’s renewal package. From the SCCA website, members may also print the Annual Waiver **in color**, upload their photo and mail the completed annual waiver and appropriate fees to Member Services for processing.

We request that any member that is within three months of their membership expiration, pay their dues at the time when the Annual Waiver is submitted. This will help control costs in issuing multiple cards and signing multiple waivers.

Event Procedure

As the SCCA Annual Waiver only covers our events and processes, members may still be required to sign a separate waiver at some facilities as each venue has their own requirements.

Any member presenting a valid SCCA Photo ID Hard Card will not be required to sign the event waiver form. For regions with bar code scanners, the Hard Card can be scanned to collect the membership number.

Members would not need to check in at registration unless additional event information was available or required.

For membership expiring in 2009, SCCA Hard Cards will be imprinted with a blue stripe with embedded expiration date for ease of identification. Memberships that expire in 2010 will have a red stripe. Subsequent years will have a different color stripe for differentiation. In any given calendar year, two colors may be valid, so it is imperative to verify the expiration date.

In the event that an Incident Report needs to be recorded at an event involving a member with an Annual Waiver, it will need to be noted on the Incident Report as “Annual Waiver on File”.

For driver’s that are placed on probation, your Annual Waiver Hard Card will be confiscated (per GCR 4.4.10.A) and the Probation Letter will indicate that you have an SCC Annual Waiver on file.

From The Desk Of....

If twenty members were asked why they joined the Club we would probably get twenty-five different answers that could be boiled down to three basic reasons. For the fun, the competition and for the camaraderie. And these three reasons can be summed up by the phrase or a variation of the phrase that most of us have heard many times, "I came for the cars and stayed for the people."

Given the importance of fun and camaraderie to the success of the Club makes even more troubling the occasional telephone call or email from the member who

feels they have been publicly rebuffed by a Region leader. Whether or not the alleged victim is right or wrong is immaterial. As we all know there is more than one side to the story. But the bottom line is that the person who feels rebuffed isn't having a lot of fun or feeling much camaraderie. How long will they continue to participate or be a member? How long will their friends remain active? How many non-members will be told how horrible we are? And how many members who are on the sideline watching walk away simply because they got tired of seeing other people attacked?

One of the interesting things about the members who feel they have been attacked is that the source of the conflict is seldom something concrete like parking in the wrong spot at an event or numbers that are too small. In the vast majority of the cases it is a fairly new member who has tried to become involved or suggest a different approach to only be rebuffed by the old guard.

Is this what we want to be known for, driving away new members with new ideas while we complain about the graying of SCCA? As a leader of our club (or veteran member), the next time you are approached by a member (or potential member) the most important thing you can do is listen....

Colan Arnold

Vice President, Membership and Region Development

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*For Rent: ITS/EP Nissan 240 SX. Contact Kryderacing, 330-854-4889

* RACE CAR PREP: Kryderacing offers race car preparation, chassis set up, trackside services, etc. Check out their Website www.kryderacing.com

* FOR SALE: Rocker Recliner Tan \$299.00 (Paid \$500) Excellent condition, Scotchguard treated and well maintained. Measurements: Top back of chair @ 36", Height to top of back of chair @ 40", in sitting position depth is @ 44" and fully reclined length is @ 68"; when changing to reclining position back of chair moves back @ 14". These measurements have been rounded to the next inch. Very comfy.

PetMate outdoor animal house \$25 Small (up to 45 lbs dog) Dimensions: 21" Tall to peak of roof, 12" wide X 28" deep. Very durable. Prior outdoor tenant went over the Rainbow Bridge.

Other items will be added to the list - please forward this to anyone else you feel would be interested. Any questions, call me at 216-898-9656 eves. Nancy Schillace

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